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AUDIO SURVEILLANCE (OAD-TSS) 1951-52
Intervw with [] former
Actg Cf OAD and TSS

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TSD/H [] 16 May 66

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Statements of [] relative to his attitude toward audio surveillance,
OAD-TSS, 1951-52, prior to PRC Action 6 June 52, summarized as follows:

Recalls his reluctance to have audio surveillance assigned OAD and
later TSS. Reasons: was without staff to handle the function and felt
it should be assigned Staff D or elsewhere within DDP where it could
get full attention.

Felt that Truman Directive prohibiting Gov agencies from becoming
involved in RF tap, may have retarded for the moment at least any
interest in advancing the state of the art.

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TSD Roots
OSO 47-50

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AUDIO SURVEILLANCE (Commo) 1947-50
Intervw with [redacted] DD/S&T, formerly
with Commo.

TSD/H [redacted], 25 May 1966

Statement of [redacted] of his recollections about audio surveillance act-
ivities while function assigned Commo, circa 1947-50, confirms those of
[redacted] same subject. Added facts summarized as follows:

Equipment was commercial and by today's standards, primitive. Consisted
mostly of carbon mikes, amplifiers; recording accomplished on endless
reel of 35mm film. Recalls display [redacted] for ops officers [redacted]

[redacted] There was no organized training and
little of any kind of training for Case Officers of Commo techs in audio.
Reliance was on Commo tech to make the technical hookup, in addition to
his other duties. Recalls audio ops as hit-and-miss; [redacted]

[redacted] Subsequently [redacted] participated in
installing recorder enabling [redacted] to record conversation with a
visitor; also recalls some plans for attacking embassy while under con-
struction which he believes were abandoned. Recalls [redacted] now TSD,
as one of the commo fld people participating in audio in addition to reg-
ular commo duties. Credits [redacted]

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OSO 47 50

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AUDIO SURVEILLANCE (Commo) 1947-50
Intervw with [redacted] C/R&D/COMMO

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TSD/H, [redacted], 24 May 1966

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25X1 Statement by [redacted] of his recollections about audio surveillance
activities while function assigned Commo 1947-50 summarized as follows:

25X1 Fair estimate would be, little accomplished audio-wise in this period.
[redacted] appeared to be the sparkplug making numerous
efforts to get the activity started. Both development of equipment and
operational support was exclusive job [redacted] then COMMO 25X1
and subsequently trsf'd OAD, who had no organization and worked in a
25X1 backroom with what part-time help he could get from other Commo techs,
we [redacted] Commo engineering was heavily involved
in developing a family of agent communication devices and was without
manpower, time or money ~~xxxxxxx~~ or formal requirements for audio
equipment.

25X1 Circa 1950, [redacted] advised Cf Commo [redacted] that audio was
a step-child in Commo and recommended its transfer elsewhere, where
the function could receive full attention. (This may have triggered
the transfer of audio to OAD).

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AUDIO SURVEILLANCE (Commo) OSS
WASH COM OP 1, 1 Aug 1945 SECRET

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Two bound folders used
as basis for Commo portion
of OSS War Report

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A review of this file fails to disclose any reference to audio sur-
veillance. []

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Other references pertinent to TSD: page 49, Commo R&D used the services
of industry and the military to execute development work; it would
specify what was wanted and farmout the work. Page 92, []
CF OSS R&D served as liaison between Commo's R&D Div and []
who also did work for Commo.

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Aside from the above, Commo's War History makes no reference to any
operational wire tapping activities.

(Conclusions: in contrast with audio activity outside OSS, there was
little or no audio activity within OSS itself).

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Bound handbook, 74 pages, illustrated with line drawings.

AUDIO SURVEILLANCE IN CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS
FHB 220-2, 28 August 1953, SECRET

TSD/H, [REDACTED], 27 May 1966,
Copy #456

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As far as we know, the first effort to deal with audio surveillance in handbook form. Written by TSS in collaboration with FI/Ops for the information of case officers, it provides an introduction to the fundamentals of audio surveillance e.g. what it is, practical techniques, how to use it to exploit operational opportunities and the capabilities and limitations of equipment of the time.

Contents include: telephone taps, how done, operational problems; miking a target, technical and operational techniques, types of equipment used; [REDACTED] physical surveillance communications; countersurveillance, mechanical aids, voice scrambling equipment; how to get audio support; available equipment and costs.

A non-technical roundup of techniques and equipment used by TSS in 1953 plus instructions to the case officer about what to do before calling upon TSS for support. Became obsolete circa 1955 and withdrawn from circulation. Believed to be predecessor to [REDACTED]

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Three page memo, trsfrd
fr Commo to TSD

TSS [] RESEARCH PROGRAM 1952
[] 17 Mar 52, TS#65142

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TSD/H, [] May 1966

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Memorandum to DDP fr [] ADCommo, dtd 17 Mar 52,
comments and concurs in proposed TSS research program.

Suggests: audio surveillance function be returned to Commo; that certain
items to be r&d'd were r&d'd by OSS and that production not research is
probably needed [] probably was not aware that the items as well
as the specs and drawing were destroyed when OSS R&D liquidated).

Recommends: r&d for beacons and throw-away radio's be transfrd to Commo
and implies that Commo performed r&d on surveillance devices for OSS.
(Implication substantiated by OSS WASH COM OPS 1 Folder 1)

(Note: prior to submitting [] program to PRC for latters approval
in June 1952, DDP sent it to Commo for comments and concurrence. The
wish to have audio returned to Commo appears to be an about face from
the earlier attitude of []

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Hq.	OAD	SUP	Audio Surveillance	16 May 66
	TSS			25X1
	TSD			
	STD			
IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT	Interview with [redacted] former acting chief of			25X1
OAD and TSS.				

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

25X1 Statements [redacted] relative to his attitude toward audio surveillance.
(Also see the following HS/CSG documents: 486, 541, 542, 543, and 544.)

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Hq.	TSD	SUP	Audio Surveillance	25 May
	TSS			1966
	COMMO			25X1

IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT Interview with [redacted] formerly with COMMO. 25X1

25X1 ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES Statement of [redacted] recollections about audio surveillance while assigned to COMMO, circa 1947-1950.
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Hq.	TSD OAD SUP	CLASS
	TSS	24 May 1966
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	COMMO	

IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT Interview with [] concerning his recollections about audio surveillance. 25X1

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

25X1 Statement by [] concerning his recollections about audio surveillance while the function was assigned to COMMO - 1947 to 1950. (Also see the following HS/CSG documents: 486, 541, 542, 544, and 545.)

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AREA OR COUNTRY(S)	ORGANIZATION	GENERAL INFORMATION	DOC ID	DOC DATE CLASS
Hq.	TSD	SUP	Audio Surveillance	1 Aug. 45
	OSS		R&D	
	DIV. 19			

IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT One sheet describing two bound folders used as basis for Commo portion of OSS war report.

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES Except for two minor references Commo's War History makes no reference to any operational wire tapping activities. (also see the following HS/CSG documents: 486, 541, 543, 544, and 545.)

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Hq.	TSD	SUP	Audio Surveillance	28 Aug.
	TSS	FI	Surveillance	1953
	FI		Counter Surveillance	
			Handbook	

IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT

One sheet describing 74 page bound handbook dealing with audio surveillance.

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Handbook of audio technique and equipment for period 1953-1955. Deals with telephone taps, microphones, recorders, physical surveillance, countersurveillance, voice scrambling etc.

(also see the following HS/CSG documents 486, 542, 543, 544, and 545.)

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Hq.	TSS	SUP	Audio Surveillance	17 Mar.
	COMMO		R&D	1952
	OSS		Beacons	

IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT

Memo to DDP from AD/COMMO with comments on proposed TSS research program.

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Suggests audio surveillance function by returned to COMMO.

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